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Walla Walla District parks named to "Top 100" list

WALLA WALLA, Wash, -- Charbonneau Park on Lake Sacajawea and Dent Acres Campground at Dworshak Reservoir have been recognized as two of the "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" in the nation according to Reserve America.

Reserve America is a partner company with the National Recreation Reservation Service which manages most camp ground reservations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' and several other federal agencies. The "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" were selected based on criteria requested by family campers including park amenities, beautiful outdoor scenery and educational facilities. The criteria included parks that offer hot showers, laundry facilities, hiking trails, family beaches, radio-free zones, visitor centers, educational programs, children's events, and that are located within 100 miles of a metro location.

Charbonneau Park, located just 2 miles upstream of Ice Harbor Lock and Dam near Burbank, is the only park in the state of Washington to be listed in the top 100. At Charbonneau Park, you can camp along the historic route of Lewis and Clark and view the same buttes and cliffs along the Snake River that Captain Meriwether Lewis wrote about. Charbonneau park campground offers 54 paved sites with electric hookups. Thirty-four of these sites are reservable, of which 15 are full-hookups. The rest of the sites are first-come first-serve. The park has a marina with dump station, shower/restrooms, pay-phone, playground, swimming area, volleyball court, trailer-dump station and small convenience store. To get there travel 8.3 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 2 miles north on Sun Harbor Drive.

Dent Acres Campground, located in Northern Idaho's beautiful Clearwater Valley near Orofino, is the only campground in the state of Idaho to be listed in the top 100. Dent acres Campground on Dworshak Lake is surrounded by forests and abundant wildlife. Dworshak Lake is 54 miles long, hosts kokanee salmon, rainbow trout and small mouth bass fishing. It has excellent water skiing and hunting opportunities. Dent Acres Campground offers 50 campsites with electric, water & sewer hookups. Other amenities include a dump station, hot showers, pay phone and playground. Nearby is a boat ramp and parking area. A large group picnic shelter (also available by reservation) is located in the area. To get there from Highway 12, cross the bridge at Orofino and turn left onto Highway 7. Travel 200 yards, turn right and travel 19 miles. At the sign for the campground, turn left. The campground is 2 miles ahead.

Reserve USA is a "one-stop shop" for outdoor recreation reservations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. Reservations for federal campgrounds may be made through the NRRS online at www.reserveusa.com or by calling toll-free (877) 444-6777. For a complete list of the "Top 100" parks, go online to

http://www.reserveamerica.com/jsp/homepage.jsp?goto=/home/top100list.html.

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